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Amendments to the independent claims:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently amended) A method for using an interactive media application to substitute pause-time content in place of media that is paused, comprising:

providing a user with the ability to pause the media;

pausing the media;

providing a pause-time content database for storing the pause-time content;

retrieving the pause-time content from the pause-time content database;

playing the retrieved pause-time content while the media is paused; and

recording the media while the media is paused.

27. (Currently amended) An interactive media system that substitutes pause-time content in place of media that is paused, comprising user equipment configured to:

provide a user with the ability to the pause media;

pause the media;

provide a pause-time content database for storing the pause-time content;

retrieve the pause-time content from the pause-time content database;

play the retrieved pause-time content while the media is paused; and

record the media while the media is paused.

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57. (Currently amended) A method for using an interactive media application to substitute pause-time content in place of media that is paused, comprising:

providing a user with the ability to pause the media;

pausing the media; and

playing the pause-time content that is associated with the media while the media is paused, wherein the pause-time content is content other than a still picture of the paused media.

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81. (Currently amended) An interactive media system that substitutes pause-time content in place of media that is paused, comprising user equipment configured to:

provide a user with the ability to pause the media;

pause the media; and

play pause-time content that is associated with the media while the media is paused, wherein the pause-time content is content other than a still picture of the paused media.